

AMENDMENT TO
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At the end of subtitle B of title VII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 7___ . MODIFICATIONS TO TRICARE OPERATIONS MAN-**
2 **UAL WITH RESPECT TO COVERAGE OF AU-**
3 **TISM THERAPY.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
5 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
6 shall modify the operations manual under the TRICARE
7 program, or such successor manual of the Department of
8 Defense, with respect to coverage of autism therapy as fol-
9 lows:

10 (1) To allow a covered beneficiary one year to
11 obtain a confirmatory diagnosis of autism spectrum
12 disorder.

13 (2) To make coordination of services by an au-
14 tism service navigator optional and available at the
15 request of a covered beneficiary, even for bene-
16 ficiaries who are new to receiving services for autism
17 spectrum disorder.

1 (3) To eliminate the requirement that an ap-
2 plied behavior analysis supervisor complete the Per-
3 vasive Developmental Disorder Behavior Inventory
4 Teacher Form and require instead that—

5 (A) the Pervasive Developmental Disorder
6 Behavior Inventory forms for both the parent
7 and teacher be completed; and

8 (B) the person completing the teacher
9 form must meet the criteria in the Pervasive
10 Developmental Disorder Behavior Inventory
11 manual regarding frequency and duration of
12 contact with the client.

13 (4) To eliminate the requirement that an ap-
14 plied behavior analysis supervisor administer the
15 Parenting Stress Index, Fourth Edition, or the
16 Stress Index for Parents of Adolescents, and require
17 instead that—

18 (A) any evaluation of the efficacy of serv-
19 ices provided for autism spectrum disorder shall
20 focus primarily on measuring outcomes for the
21 covered beneficiary as the primary recipient of
22 services; and

23 (B) the Secretary shall devise and imple-
24 ment a quality of life assessment instrument
25 that has proved valid and reliable with individ-

1 uals with autism spectrum disorder and their
2 caregivers.

3 (5) To eliminate the prohibition on billing for
4 changing diapers during a treatment session with a
5 covered beneficiary.

6 (6) To eliminate the prohibition on billing for
7 services provided outside of the home, clinic, office,
8 school, or via telehealth.

9 (7) To eliminate the limitation on services au-
10 thorized in a school setting to those rendered by a
11 board certified behavior analyst or licensed behavior
12 analyst to target a specific behavior excess or deficit
13 for a limited duration and instead authorize that
14 clinically necessary services in the treatment plan of
15 a covered beneficiary may be delivered in a school
16 setting by providers at any level as determined by
17 the applied behavior analysis supervisor.

18 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms “cov-
19 ered beneficiary” and “TRICARE program” have the
20 meanings given those terms in section 1072 of title 10,
21 United States Code.

